

House Resolution No. 650

91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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2 **Whereas**, on September 16, 1858, the Butterfield Overland Stagecoach left the St.
3 Louis Post Office with two bags of mail and one passenger for San Francisco, California, for the
4 first of many approximately 2500-mile, 25-day routes which greatly reduced the delivery time
5 for the U.S. mail between St. Louis and San Francisco; and

6 **Whereas**, the Butterfield Overland Stagecoach mail route became the longest route
7 in the world and provided a regular line of communication for Americans separated by almost
8 2000 miles of hot, dry, rugged desert wilderness and almost indescribable hardships; and

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10 **Whereas**, in tribute to the Butterfield Overland Stagecoach, the Concord
11 Stagecoach, a restored Civil War era stagecoach, will travel a portion of the old Butterfield
12 Overland Stagecoach route in "The Journey...The Spirit Lives On! From 1858 to 2001 and
13 Beyond"; and

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15 **Whereas**, in March of 2001, "The Journey" will begin at the original sight of the
16 first Butterfield Stage Depot in Springfield, Missouri, and end at Wyatt Earp's Old Tombstone
17 Trading Post in Tombstone, Arizona; and

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19 **Whereas**, proceeds raised from "The Journey" will benefit three charities: the St.
20 Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, the Special Olympics and the Children's
21 Miracle Network; and

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23 **Whereas**, the people of the state of Missouri should be encouraged to support and
24 recognize the historical significance of "The Journey" by participating in the events associated

25 with this event:

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27 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri
28 House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, hereby support the efforts of the
29 organizers of "The Journey" and encourage the people of the state of Missouri to fully support
30 and participate in "The Journey" and the events associated with this historic retracing of the old
31 Butterfield Overland Stagecoach mail route; and

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33 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
34 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for Rick
35 Hamby of West Plains, Missouri, the driver of the Concord Stagecoach and his partner, Pete
36 Kline.